

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace original paragraph [0042] with the below modified paragraph [0042]:

[0042] FIG. 1 provides an isomeric image of an exemplary unilateral fixator 100 that may be manipulated using the method of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 1a first compound movable joint 110, or bone fragment attachment apparatus, is attached to an extension strut 130 and a second compound movable joint 120, or bone fragment attachment apparatus, is attached to a base strut 140. These two compound movable joints 110, 120 are identical. The first compound movable joint 110 and second compound movable joint 120 each include two revolute joints 122, 124, 126, 128, the axes of which are orthogonally opposed. The second compound movable joint 120, also referred to herein as the ankle, is able to slide along, but not rotate about, the axis of the base strut 140. The first compound movable joint 110, also referred to herein as the wrist, is able to rotate about, but not slide along, the axis of the extension strut 130. Both the ankle 120 and the wrist 110 can be locked in place on their respective struts 130, 140 by tightening a corresponding cap screw, such as cap screw 150. Similarly, revolute joints 122, 124, 126, 128 of the wrist and ankle may be fixed into place with one or more screws 190.